



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA ALERT

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CITIZENS GRADUATE FROM ACADEMY

WHAT: Graduation ceremony of 20 citizens from the HFD Citizens' Fire Academy Class 11.

WHEN: Tonight, Dec. 15, 2005 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: The Houston Fire Museum
2403 Milam
(Key Map 493P)

DETAILS: Fire Chief Phil Boriskie will congratulate 20 citizens for successfully completing the fire department's eleventh Citizens' Fire Academy.

The twelve-week course, which meets every Thursday night, provided participants with an overview of the major units within the department as well as a general overview of firefighting and emergency medical services. Experienced fire and emergency medical personnel teach the Citizen's Fire Academy curriculum. Participants also experienced firsthand what firefighters and paramedics do during a tour of duty.

Upon graduation, the citizens may join the Citizens' Fire Academy Alumni Association a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization whose members have donated more than 6000 hours of volunteer time with and for the Houston Fire Department including such areas as Hurricane Katrina and Rita, Rehab, smoke alarm installations and various ceremonies and programs.

The next academy will begin in February 2006. Additional information may be found on the HFD website at www.houstonfire.org.